



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Mr. Jerry Uhlmann, Director
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Dear Mr. Uhlmann:

Based on the Governor's Executive Order 04-10, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources will give special consideration to extenuating circumstances and adjust state disposal regulations to ensure a quick and safe cleanup of debris from a recent series of tornadoes that occurred in West, Central and Northern Missouri. This authorization will extend through August 31, 2004. I have enclosed a list of the counties (Attachment A) I understand are included in the emergency area.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources recommends the following ways to deal with debris left as a result of the storms:

- Storm debris will not be considered yard waste and will not be banned from disposal at landfills. Landfill operators will not have to pay the tonnage fee on storm debris disposed of in landfills from now until August 31, 2004, if they accept it free of charge. Fees remain in place for waste not related to the storm, and landfill operators who do charge tipping fees for storm debris must continue to collect and remit tonnage fees for all storm debris and municipal wastes they accept.
- Tree branches, downed trees, and brush should be stockpiled and allowed to dry out if they are to be burned. The department will expedite issuance of open burning permits to communities to assist in clearing away the large amount of debris left by the storm.

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- To decrease the number of burning sites, the department urges municipalities to collect tree materials and transport them to a centralized area located at least 200 yards from inhabited dwellings or businesses. If at all possible, municipalities are encouraged to use chippers or grinders, or an Air Curtain Destructor which is an air pollution control device designed to increase burning efficiency and reduce air emissions. Information on the availability of these destructors may be obtained from the department's Air Pollution Control Program at (573) 751-4817.
- Citizens should conduct the burning in secluded areas away from structures that may catch on fire.
- Open burning should be conducted between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. in order to minimize smog (ground-level ozone) and to maximize air dispersion.
- Residents should check with their local governments for area restrictions before doing any open burning. Local fire departments must be notified before any open burning begins.
- Those wishing to stockpile storm debris prior to disposal need to contact Mr. Frank Dolan and provide us with basic location information. Mr. Dolan may be contacted at (573) 751-5401.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I am sending local landfills and government officials for your information.

Sincerely,

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Original signed by Stephen Mahfood

Stephen Mahfood
Director

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Kansas City Regional Office
St. Louis Regional Office
Southwest Regional Office
Solid Waste Management Program
Air Pollution Control Program
Environmental Services Program
Environmental Assistance Office

Attachment A
List of Affected Counties and Cities
May 2004

City of Albany
City of Roscoe
Livingston County
Linn County
Macon County and Cities of Macon, New Cambria, Callao and Bevier
Atchison County
Clinton County
DeKalb County and City of Weatherby
Daviess County
Miller County and City of Iberia
Osage County
Platte County
St. Clair County
St. Louis County